

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-432-S - ORDER NO. 2001-1106

DECEMBER 11, 2001

IN RE:	Application of United Utility Companies, Inc.	)	ORDER GRANTING
	for Approval to Expand its Existing Sewer	)	EXTENSION OF
	Service Area to Include Certain Portions	)	SERVICE AREA
	Adjacent to Lake Keowee in an	)	
	Unincorporated Area in Oconee County,	)	
	South Carolina.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. (United or the Companies) requesting Commission approval to expand its existing sewer service area to include certain portions adjacent to Lake Keowee in an unincorporated area in Oconee County, South Carolina. The Company requests that it be allowed to provide service pursuant to the terms, conditions, rates and charges set forth in its existing rate schedule, and as may be changed from time to time as a result of any proceedings that might be brought before the Commission by United, including those in Docket No. 2000-210-W/S.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Companies published a Notice of Filing, one time, in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area. Affidavits showing compliance with the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director were furnished. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

Accordingly, the Companies request that we waive the hearing in this case required by Regulation 103-504 (Supp. 2000). We believe that waiver is in the public interest, therefore, we waive the hearing requirement pursuant to Regulation 103-501(3)(1976). We believe that unusual difficulty is present in complying with the rule in that the Company needs approval to expand to serve the area as quickly as possible.

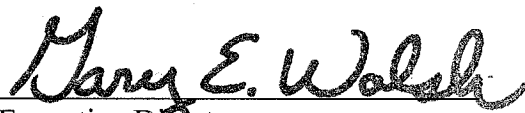
We believe that the request for extension of the service area is in the public interest, in that the extension will serve a new development in what is presently an unincorporated area of Oconee County. We know of no one else who can provide sewer service in the new area. Accordingly, we find that the public convenience and necessity requires the extension of the Companies' existing sewer service area into the designated unincorporated area of Oconee County adjacent to Lake Keowee as requested. The Application is therefore granted as filed, including the fact that the Companies shall be allowed to provide service pursuant to the terms, conditions, rates and charges set forth in its existing rate schedule, and as may be changed from time to time as a result of any proceedings that might be brought before the Commission by United, including those in Docket No. 2000-210-W/S.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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